

JOHNSON GREGORY E  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSON GREGORY E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC  
[BEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and Co-CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC., ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2004

(Street)  
  
SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/15/2004		S	D	11,981	\$ 68.07	471,651	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/15/2004		A	A	15,625	\$ 0	487,276 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10							14,652 <sup>(2)</sup>	I
							As a Trustee for Minor Child	

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Common Stock, par value \$.10	1,271.389 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Profit Sharing Plan
Common Stock, par value \$.10	3,068 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivatives Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON GREGORY E C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 944031906			President and Co-CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ JOHNSON,  
GREGORY E. 12/17/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Of the amount of securities beneficially owned, 73,132 shares represent unvested awards of restricted stock shares.
- (2) Shares are held by Mr. Johnson as Trustee for Mr. Johnson's minor children. Mr. Johnson disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (3) Shares represent a pro-rata number of shares equivalent to Mr. Johnson's percentage of ownership of the holdings of the Franklin Resources, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan as of September 30, 2004. Mr. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (4) Shares are held by a member of Mr. Johnson's immediate family. Mr. Johnson disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares.

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